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1. JUST PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR AFRICA, FOREIGN MINISTER
KEUKY LIM ASKED THAT USUN DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO
AMBASSADOR CHHUT CHHOEUR, KHMER MISSION NEW YORK:

BEGIN TEXT: NO. 19 PL/X TRES INQUIET DU MALENTENDU S'ELEVANT
PARMI PERSONNEL VOTRE MISSION JE VOUS AI ANNOUNCE DANS MA
DERNIERE LETTRE QU'UNE SOLUTION Y SERA DONNEE. SUIS TOUTEFOIS
CONSTERNE PAR NOUVELLE SUR NOUVEAU DEVELOPPEMENT INCOMPRE-
HENSIBLE DU MALENTENDU POURTANT EN PASSE DE REGLEMENT. VOUS
COMPRENEZ COMME MOI QUE VOTRE ACTION ABSOLUE PRIORITE TEND
OBTENIR MAJORITE VOTES FAVORABLES NOTRE CAUSE. JE
FAIS DONC APPEL A VOTRE PATRIOTISME A TOUTE EPREUVE
POUR LEQUEL VOUS AVEZ ETE DESIGNE AU POSTE NEW YORK
ET SURTOUT A VOTRE SAVOIR FAIRE EN TANT QUE CHEF MISSION
DIFFICILE AUX FINS ENDIGUER CONFLIT ET LE STABILISER
DANS CONTEXTE CONCORDE NATIONALE EN CE MOMENT OU PATRIE
TRAVERSE HEURES DES PLUS GRAVES DE SON HISTOIRE. EN
FAISANT TAIRE TOUTES CONSERATIONS (SIC) DEFAVORISANT ENTENTE
ENTRE PERSONNEL ET N'AYANT EN VUE QUE INTERETS SUPERIEURS
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NATION. VOUS RENOUVELLE MA CONFIANCE EN VOTRE REUSSITE.

KEUKY LIM, MINAFERES. 11 AOUT 1974. END TEXT.

2. IN TRANSMITTING TO ME WHAT I CONSIDER TO BE VAGUE EXHORTATION TO KHMER REP, FOREIGN MINISTER ASKED WHETHER ON PERSONAL BASIS, OUR MISSION IN NEW YORK COULD ASK CHHUT CHHOEUR TO ACCEPT FOREIGN MINISTER'S ADVICE WHICH APPEARS TO US TO BE APPEAL TO ALL KHMER OFFICIALS TO STAY ON THE JOB. LIM ADDED THAT SIMILAR RECOMMENDATIONS WERE SENT A FEW DAYS AGO TO MME. NHOUNG PENG.

3. RE TACTICS FOR DEFENDING KHMER UN SEAT, I WILL NOT BE ABLE PRESENT MATTER SET FORTH REFTEL C TO PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET UNTIL LATTER'S RETURN AUGUST 15. MESSAGE FROM GKR TO AMBASSADOR CHHUT CHHOEUR GIVING HIM APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS WILL NOT BE SENT UNTIL AFTER THAT.

4. NEVERTHELESS, I WOULD HOPE THAT USUN, IN DELIVERING FOREIGN MINISTER' MESSAGE, MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE POINT THAT THE NEXT FEW WEEKS WILL BE CRITICAL IN REGARD TO CAMBODIAN QUESTION IN UN, THAT WE ANTICIPATE KHMER MISSION WILL BE CALLED UPON TO CARRY A VERY HEVAY LOAD IN STRATEGY TALKS AND CONSULTATIONS WITH MANY OTHER MISSIONS, THAT THIS PERIOD WILL REQUIRE GREAT PERSONAL EFFORT ON PART OF ALL MEMBERS OF KHMER MISSION, ALL OF WHOM WILL HAVE A VERY POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE, AND ALL OF WHOSE TALENTS AND ABILITIES WILL BE SORELY NEEDED. IN SHORT, KHMER MISSION WILL BE MOVING INTO MOST ACTIVE PERIOD OF DIPLOMATC ACTIVITY AND CAN ILL-AFFORD ANY ABSENCES, LEAVES OR MISDIRECTIONS OF EFFORTS. THEREFORE ALL PRIMA DONNAS ARE NEEDED ON THE STAGE. I BELIEVE APPROACH OF THIS KIND WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IN SUPPLEMENTING FOREIGN MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO CHHUNT CHHOEUR.

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